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Mrs Chapman

Very Dear Friend

Your welcome letter announcing the safe arrival of the box reached us July, it gave us the greatest pleasure imaginable to know that you were so much pleased with its contents, your second address'd to our committee has also been received for which accept our thanks, the information it contains relating to the sale of the articles shall be so very useful to us if enabled to furnish any thing for next year which I sincerely hope we will, it shall be inserted in our annual report so that all into whose hands it may fall shall know what is most suited for the fair at that season of the year

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know them who are beginning to do a little for it already, we shall now work with more certainty as regards the kind of articles to be done, on the former occasion it was more guess work than any thing else. Nothing can exceed the happiness we feel at the valuable information your letter contains in regard to the progress of the cause God has sustained you in a most trying hour, has enabled you firmly to maintain the ground you had, has given you a firmer footing than ever & has kept you from yielding one inch of vantage ground to the oppressor, to his name be the praise, your victory has caused the hearts of many in this land as well as your own to sing for joy and has taught all who are disposed to look at the subject with an unprejudiced mind where their strength lies, it is calculated to give all engaged in

the work more firmness than ever in the prosecution of it & although difficulties and trials may encircle you still for we can hardly suppose the enemy satisfied yet. still from the experience of the past you have more encouragement of soul to meet the future. You can dear friends and rest assured you shall have all the aid in our power to bestow be it little or much, we are not required to give that we do not possess neither do we serve a hard task master who requires us to make bricks without straw whether we have means or not the sympathies we possess shall not be withheld. With regard to the clerical party & those influenced by them who opposed our worthy friend Mr Collins when here we have only to say that as far as our observation goes they are doing nothing & saying as little

the clergy have lost their strict slavery influence in Glasgow (indeed their influence is giving way more ways than one) I believe they are feeling it and not a little humbled at it yet not sufficiently so as to lead them to acknowledge it, the delay they plead for has never been explained neither will it ever be believe, however we cheerfully hazard the the truth it will make its own way into mens hearts whither they will it or not.

Yours in
our committee in the cause
of freedom Mary Welsh

Mrs Chapman
Boston

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